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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
ENERGY THAT IS USED OR CONSUMED FOR AGRICULTURAL  
ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, expanding the agricultural sector in Hawaii is  
2 essential to gaining self-sufficiency and food sustainability in  
3 the State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, purchasing energy is a major cost component for  
6 those seeking to enter or sustain a business in the agricultural  
7 industry and rising energy costs have adversely impacted  
8 business viability and feasibility; and  
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10 WHEREAS, preferential rates for the purchase of energy for  
11 agricultural activities will support the long-term viability and  
12 growth of agriculture in the State; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
16 Session of 2013, that the Public Utilities Commission is urged  
17 to consider the establishment of preferential rates for the  
18 purchase of energy used or consumed for agricultural activities,  
19 including eligible agricultural activities of the Department of  
20 Agriculture; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any mechanism to provide  
23 preferential rates be by decision and order on an application  
24 for preferential rates filed by a public utility that includes,  
25 among other things:  
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27 (1) A bona fide request from the ratepayer to the public  
28 utility for preferential rates; and


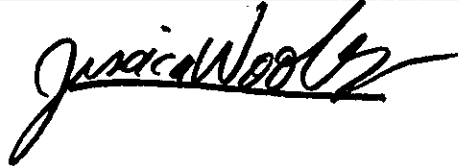
29 (2) Proof from the ratepayer to the public utility that  
30 the energy will be used or consumed for agricultural  
31 activities; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities  
2 Commission, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture,  
3 may establish additional criteria for energy used for  
4 agricultural activities; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public  
8 Utilities Commission and Chairperson of the Board of  
9 Agriculture.  
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